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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, please consider the comments on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

1. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moussa et al. (US 6,035,406) ["Moussa"] in view of Dunn et al. (US 5,987,155) ["Dunn"] and further in view of Teicher et al. (US 6,257,486) ["Teicher"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.